

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2006  
(Approved March 22, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission held their monthly meeting on February 22, 2006. Attending the meeting were Timothy Roland, East Coventry Township; Bernard Gladieux, Jr. and Cindy Pratt, Douglass Township; Dan Weand, Borough of Pottstown; Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; John Gambino and Patrick O'Neill, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman and Steve Klotz, Lower Pottsgrove Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.**

Mr. Cover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Review of January Minutes**

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the January 25, 2006 minutes as presented. Mr. Klotz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Old Business**

Mr. Troutman moved to approve changing the location of meetings to the Tri Chamber offices at High and Hanover Streets and authorize advertising of the meetings. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The November meeting will be cancelled and a joint November/December meeting will be held December 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion regarding the legal defense fund. No formal action was taken.

There was a brief discussion regarding the mailing address for the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Weand suggested a PO Box in Pottstown. No formal action was taken.

There was a brief discussion regarding printing additional copies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Weand moved to approve the printing of 100 copies for \$400 and each municipality/borough is to receive 10 copies. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Regional Plan can be put on CD's. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Regional Planning Commission having a website. The subject will be revisited and the feasibility and costs involved of such venture is to be investigated.

The treasurer's update was not available.

**4. New Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the amendment received by Douglass Township. Mr. Weand moved to approve the zoning text amendment for Douglass Township to allow the placement of an overlay zoning district along Swamp Pike from the New Hanover border to Gilbertsville Road (Bermont Motors). The overlay will extend 200 feet deep along both sides of the road. The intent of the overlay is to permit by conditional use, day care, personal service, retail, professional or personal office, bed and breakfast, and other uses of a similar nature. Only one non-residential use is permitted per lot at a maximum floor area of 2,000 square feet. Mr. Klotz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Municipal Updates**

Mr. Troutman noted that Lower Pottsgrove is watching the Limerick casinos and they are reviewing their zoning ordinance. Mr. Roland noted that East Coventry Township is starting zoning ordinance amendment in May. Mr. Weand noted on-going activity at the Mrs. Smith's site. Ms. Pratt noted the possibility of a Rite-Aid in Douglass Township.

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Weand moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary